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Standardization of geographical names in Japan

Summary**

In Japan, geographical names are collected, arranged and standardized by relevant government agencies as they promote their administrative activities. Consequently, the standardization of geographical names is a well-coordinated effort involving various related organizations that have clearly defined tasks. Efforts towards standardization include the following:

- Standardization of geographical names of administrative districts
- Consolidation of geographical names of natural features
- Standardization of geographical names of undersea features
- Adoption of Antarctic geographical names
- National Geographical Names Gazetteer

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